

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 451 - SB 794**

March 24, 2011

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Health to bring an action in general sessions court to enforce a civil penalty assessed against a deficient nursing home.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Currently, penalty enforcement actions may be brought in circuit or chancery court.
- Authorizing enforcement actions in general sessions courts will not result in a significant decrease in the case load of the state trial courts.
- Any increase in the caseload of the local courts will be not significant and can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- Any administrative or fiscal impact on the Department of Health will be not significant.
- There will not be a significant impact on the total number of civil penalties assessed against nursing homes or the amount of penalties collected.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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